

COURT HAS HEAVY CRIMINAL DOCKET

Several Important Cases Come Up at Term Which Opens To-Day.

EIGHT FELONY CHARGES

Petersburg Eagles Meet and Nominate Officers for Ensuing Term.

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Petersburg, Va., November 20.

The October term of the Hustings Court adjourned yesterday, and the November term will begin tomorrow morning with quite a large criminal docket. There are eight felony cases to go before the grand jury, the most important of which is that of Robert Brown, charged with the murder of Otis Curtis, of Richmond, both colored. Curtis was stabbed to death in a gambling room on the night of November 8, over a dispute about 50 cents. Willie and Willcox will defend the accused, whose plea will be self-defense.

Benjamin Richards, colored, convicted of a felonious assault at the last term of the court, and his punishment fixed at eighteen months in the penitentiary, will be put on trial a second time, the verdict having been set aside by the court.

An interesting case will be that of Edward Kemmer, colored, to be tried for bigamy. Kemmer has a wife at Stony Creek, and recently, while at work in Petersburg, he married another woman, with whom he was living at the time of his arrest. The first wife heard of it, came to town and swore out a warrant against him.

The balance of the criminal docket embraces house-breakings, grand larcenies, assaults, etc.

The November term is also a civil term, but there are no cases of special importance on the docket.

Officers Nominated.
At the regular meeting last night of Petersburg Aerie of Eagles, the following officers were nominated for the ensuing term: Past worthy president, Joel T. Brown; worthy president, J. A. Domenichelli; worthy vice-president, F. V. Lilly; chaplain, Wm. E. Moore; inside guard, J. M. Saunders; outside guard, W. L. Wheelhouse; treasurer, George F. Newman; secretary, C. G. Wiest; trustees, J. F. Brown, W. H. Raftery and James W. Wells.

The election of officers will take place at the next meeting of the Aerie, when further nominations will be permissible. The Aerie has 129 members, and there were four applications for membership last night.

Returned to Their Homes.
All of the delegates to the Virginia General Baptist Association returned to their homes to-day. All spoke in highest praise of the reception and hospitality given them in Petersburg.

The Petersburg Methodist ministers have returned to their homes from the conference held in Lynchburg, all well satisfied. No changes were made in the Petersburg pulpits—though several were made in the district. The Rev. J. K. Jolly, who returns as presiding elder, will begin the holding of the first quarterly conferences next week.

Colored Virginia Conference.
The Rev. B. J. Holding has been returned to the pastorate of the Oak Street A. M. E. Zion Church in this city, by the Virginia Annual Conference, colored, just held in Franklin, Va. Bishop J. W. Hood, of Fayetteville, N. C., presiding. Presiding Elders C. W. Wingfield and M. N. Levy were returned to their districts.

Lacked a Quorum.
The meeting of stockholders of the Riverside Club, called for last night, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, was not held for lack of a quorum. The meeting was called to take action on a proposition from the Walnut Hill Corporation to move the club from its present home in Dinwiddie to Walnut Hill, adjoining the city on the south. There are advocates and opponents of removal, but no action can be had until a quorum of stockholders meets.

Death of Aged Citizen.
Robert K. Bass, an aged and esteemed citizen, died at an early hour this morning at the residence of his son-in-law, John C. Down, on Halifax Street. He was in his eighty-fourth year, and had been an invalid for some time. Mr. Bass was a Confederate veteran, having served throughout the war in Mahone's brigade, and made a

good soldier. He is survived by two sons and one daughter—R. E. Bass, of Stony Creek; Emmett Bass and Mrs. John V. Down, of Petersburg. He formerly lived for many years in Sussex County, and his body will be taken to Stony Creek to-morrow morning for burial at Spony M. E. Church in that county.

Beautiful Church Wedding.
A very pretty marriage was solemnized in Washington Street M. E. Church this morning at 10:30 o'clock, when Miss Annie Heath Jolly, of this city, became the bride of A. Monroe Raney, of Brunswick County. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Geo. E. Booker, D. D., pastor of the church, in the presence of a large assemblage of the friends of the couple.

The bride was given away by her brother, J. B. Jolly, of this city. She wore a handsome going-away gown of brown cloth with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of Bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids were Miss Florence Raney, of Brunswick County, and Miss Mary Short, of Lawrenceville, who wore dainty dresses of chiffon Panama, with black picture hats, and carried white chrysanthemums.

Mrs. J. K. Jolly was matron of honor, becomingly attired and carrying pink chrysanthemums. Little Miss Rosa Stephenson Townes was flower girl, charmingly dressed in white and carrying a basket of pink carnations. L. M. Raney, of Lacrosse, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and H. L. Jolly, of Brunswick, and G. M. Raney, of Richmond, were the ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Raney left for a ten days' bridal trip North, after which they will make their home in Brunswick County.

Death of Well-Known Barber.
William A. Lewis, a well-known barber of the city, died this afternoon at his residence on Halifax Street. His health had been failing for some time. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Lewis; his wife and four small children, and by three sisters and a brother, all of this city: Mrs. W. L. Enness, Mrs. Rosa Tucker, Miss Lilly V. and Charles Y. Lewis.

Personal and Otherwise.
Last evening, at the home of the bride's parents, on Commerce Street, Miss Lucy Skinner was married to William Davis Atkins, of Caroline County, by the Rev. A. R. Love, of West End Baptist Church. The wedding was a quiet home affair, being witnessed only by immediate friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Atkins left this morning for their home in Caroline.

The funeral of the late George W. James will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Ettrick Methodist Church, and the burial will be in Ettrick Cemetery. Robert McIntyre, a former well-known citizen and business man, now of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting the city for the first time in twenty-one years.

The Civic League is pressing for better sanitary conditions in the public schools and has sent petitions relative thereto to the school board and board of health.

The great campaign to raise \$75,000 to build a home for the Young Men's Christian Association in this city will begin to-morrow, and the managers are enthusiastic in the hope and belief that the amount will be raised within ten days.

HYDE TRIAL JURY QUICKLY SECURED

Hearing of Former City Chamberlain Comes Up Before Justice Goff.

New York, November 20.—A jury for the long delayed trial of former City Chamberlain Charles H. Hyde on charges of bribery in connection with the Carnegie Trust Company financial scandals nearly two years ago, was completed at the opening sessions of the trial to-day.

Justice John W. Goff started the trial with all the dispatch which characterized his conduct of the trials of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker and the four gunmen, who were convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the "squaling" gambler, and only four hours were consumed in filling the jury box.

The charge against Hyde is that while City Chamberlain he forced Joseph G. Robin, of the Northern Bank, to loan \$125,000 to the Carnegie Trust Company, which was then close to disaster. It is alleged Hyde promised that if the loan were made he would increase the city funds on deposit with the Northern Bank.

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STANDARD

JURY IS PROBING ELECTION FRAUDS

First Day's Investigation Said to Throw Little Light on Alleged Law Violations.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bristol, Va., November 20.—Judge Skeen's special grand jury began an investigation into alleged election law violations in Wise County this afternoon. A dozen or more witnesses were examined in an effort to locate where the money came from that was mailed in envelopes to several voters in the county. While the work of the grand jury has not yet been made public, it is stated that the evidence thus far adduced throws little or no light on the situation. The investigation, it is believed, will require three or four days.

Not the Man Wanted.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., November 21.—William A. Pratt, vice-president of the National Valley Bank, of Staunton, came here this afternoon to see if R. W. Hippert, in the local jail, was the man who flashed a bad check for \$350 on his bank recently, but he found Hippert did not look like the man. Hippert is held here charged with forging the name of a local cashier to a telegram, the purpose of which was to get money on a bad check in Charlottesville.

CAPT. LAMB'S BOOM GROWING RAPIDLY

He Will Receive Indorsement of Congressmen for Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, November 20.—The movement started a short time ago in the interest of Representative John Lamb, of Richmond, to have President-elect Wilson appoint him Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, has been taken up by members of Congress, which probably will result in the indorsement of Captain Lamb by almost the entire membership of the house of Representatives. It was the intention of the friends of Captain Lamb to indorse him for Secretary of Agriculture, but he requested, if they did anything at all, that the indorsement be in connection with the assistant secretaryship.

Captain Lamb has been in Congress for sixteen years. During a large part of that time he has been a member of the Agricultural Committee, of which he is chairman at the present time. During the past session of Congress he was in charge of the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of over \$16,000,000, which was passed practically as it came from the House committee. After a stormy and prolonged debate, although Captain Lamb was defeated last summer for re-nomination, the citizens of his district still regard him highly, as is evident by a petition, now being cir-

culated in his behalf. Captain Lamb, in discussing the matter to-day, said:

"The people of my district have united in asking President-elect Wilson to appoint me Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. If it is the wish of Mr. Wilson to accede to their request I should be glad to accept the appointment, as it is a position that will not only be congenial to me and my training, but it is a place of great importance. The Department of Agriculture, in my opinion, is one of the greatest departments in the government and is rapidly becoming so recognized. In a department like the Department of Agriculture the assistant secretary should be an agriculturist and a man who has had wide training among those lines. My position as a member and chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture has thrown me in intimate touch with the affairs of the department, and I feel that I could be of great service to the people and to the administration, as well as to the secretary, in occupying the assistant secretary's office."

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WOMAN'S STORY IS NOT SHAKEN

Miss Farley Is Put Through Grilling Cross-Examination by Prosecuting Attorney.

Columbus, Ohio, November 20.—Miss Cecelia Farley, the State House stenographer, on trial for first degree murder for the shooting of Alvin E. Zollinger, could not be confused to-day in her story of how Zollinger was "accidentally shot" under the grilling cross-examination by Prosecuting Attorney Edwin C. Turner.

During the cross-examination, this afternoon, the pretty witness showed her first signs of fatigue from the ordeal she had undergone. At one point when prosecutor Turner's questions were unusually rapid, a short rest was taken to give the witness a rest.

Miss Farley answered the prosecutor's questions in the same low voice and in the same calm manner in which she had told her story on direct examination. Although she had been on the witness stand for two days, Miss Farley did not contradict her former evidence. She strenuously denied much of the testimony given by a woman adjoining cell in the county jail, saying that some of it was "untrue," and other parts had been taken from the newspaper accounts of the case.

The witness told of trips she had taken with Zollinger to Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Dayton and Louisville, and of how Zollinger wanted to accompany her to California. She testified that Zollinger wanted her to go with him by boat around "the horn." She declared that she was afraid Zollinger would tell of her relations with him to her friends, and that because of such a fear she continued her relations with him. She said that Zollinger referred to Jerome Quigley, the man to whom she was engaged, as her "body guard," because he was with her so much of the time after their engagement.

Prosecutor Turner to-day stated that he probably would not complete the cross-examination of Miss Farley until either late to-morrow afternoon or Friday.

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

Ashland, Va., November 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Cates have returned from Bel Air, Md., where they attended the Reynolds-Munnephyen wedding which took place last Saturday.

Malcolm K. Harris, a prominent young lawyer of Danville, was here yesterday visiting friends.

Miss Anne Brock, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. Schooler Fox.

Dr. Frank Day has returned from Lynchburg, where he attended the Virginia conference.

William Lancaster is on a business trip to Chicago.

The many friends of Rev. J. R. Moss will be pleased to know that he will return as pastor of Duncan Memorial Church.

Miss Mary Biene has returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Mrs. Amanda Cross has concluded her visit to her granddaughters, the Misses Blanton, and is now the guest of her son, Mr. Wirt Cross in lower Hanover County.

Miss Lillie Delane was the recent guest of Misses Lela and Jade Richardson at their home in Richmond.

Miss Alma Leach has returned from a visit to friends at Elmont.

Miss Laura Blinn, who has been

the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Graves in Lynchburg, has returned. Charles Leach is in Bedford City visiting his son, Charlie B. Leach, who is a student at Randolph-Macon Academy.

The Girls Literary Club met on Monday afternoon in the home of Miss Margaret Tilly. An interesting paper on "Stockholm" was read by Miss Martha Hughes and Miss Katherine Marsh discussed current events, after which Miss Tilly served tea and crackers.

The Eta Chapter, Fappa Sigma fraternity of Randolph-Macon College opened its new home here to-night with a "house warming." The entire lower floor was decorated with autumn leaves, fall flowers and shaded candles. The fraternity colors, red, white and green were used very effectively in decorating and also in the refreshments. An orchestra from Richmond furnished music for dancing, and college and fraternity songs were sung.

Meedames B. Morgan Shepherd and Sydney Cates presided at the punch bowl. Those invited were Misses Ellis and Sara Cardwell, Anne Mary, Grayson Hootnagle, Ruth Blaker, Fagnell, May Baldwin, Kitty Kent, Clark Miller, Annie Moore, Carrie Midyette, Mamie Duncan, Augusta Nixon, Julia Weisiger, Epie Blackwell, Martha Hughes, Anne Hunter, Fannie Lancaster and Miss Meddery, of Ohio. Messrs. J. W. Holloway, S. P. McManis, D. I. Eggleston, P. B. Hopkins, L. H. Brown, H. P. Hopkins, E. A. Burgess, A. A. Bailey, J. H. Smith, C. M. Pitt, G. H. McDowell, Howard Masters, Williams, Ralph Fishborne, Tom Newell, Richard Lancaster, Jean Williams, C. M. Woodhouse, F. C. Thomas, Ed. Woodhouse, H. A. Rowe, E. B. Prettymann, Wallace White, O. S. Chaplain, Tom Hardy, Lem Smith, Sydney Cates and others.

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